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PROPERTY TAX RELIEF AVAILABLE FOR FIRE VICTIMS

County Assessor Rick Auerbach today took action aimed at providing tax relief to property owners in Claremont and other areas impacted by the devastating fires which have destroyed or severely damaged more than 70 homes and structures in Los Angeles County.

"Faced with such destruction, government must and will act quickly and effectively to help property owners deal with this tragedy in as simple and understandable a way as possible," Auerbach said. "I urge property owners whose property has been damaged or destroyed to contact us by telephone or over the Internet."

Information is available at a special fire hotline at (626) 258-6081. Reassessment forms can be obtained by calling that number or by logging on to http://lacountyassessor.com.

The State Revenue and Taxation Code Section 170 allows for the reassessment of property sustaining at least \$10,000 in damage under Section 170/Misfortune and Calamity. Forms and/or supporting documents should be filed as soon as possible.

"Our web page has already added a Fire Link which will make available the downloading of a form used to apply for misfortune and calamity reassessment of structures," Auerbach said. "We are also looking at other options for reassessments and tax relief."

